

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yves-Michel Malecot, et al.)
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Title: Centre-Feed Roll and Production Methods Thereof

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 2, 2008, Applicants submit the following response for entry in the above-identified application.

Claims 26-51 are pending in the present Application and have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 to one of the following two groups of inventions:

- Group I: Claims 26-35, drawn to a roll without a winding tube and with a center unwinding first strip;
- Group II: Claims 36-51, drawn to manufacturing processes of a roll without a winding tube and with a center unwinding first strip.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 26-35, drawn to a roll without a winding tube and with a center unwinding first strip, without traverse. Claims 36-51 are hereby canceled. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicant's rights with respect to claims 36-51, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this Response to Restriction Requirement and the documents referred to as attached therein are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on this date July 25, 2008, via EFS-Web.

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Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Consideration and allowance of elected Claims 26-35 are also requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action.

For any fees that may be required by the filing of this paper, please charge Deposit Account 10-0235. In the event applicant has overlooked the need for any petition and fee for extension of time, and such extension is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor and that such fee be charged to Deposit Account 10-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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